

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A leader tape comprising:
a support;
an upper layer comprising a powder, a binder, and a lubricant; and
a lower layer comprising a powder, a binder, and a lubricant which is at least 1.12 times as much as the lubricant of the upper layer;
wherein the support, the lower layer, and the upper layer ~~is~~ are in this order, the support is provided with a backing layer on the other side of the lower and the upper layers, and the upper layer and the backing layer each has a surface electrical resistance of 10^{10} Ω /sq or below.
2. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the lubricant of the lower layer is 1.12 to 1.34 times as much as the lubricant of the upper layer.
3. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the lubricant is at least one selected from the group consisting of fatty acids, fatty acid esters and fatty acid amides.
4. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the support has an elasticity modulus of length direction of 630 kg/mm^2 or below, and a elasticity modulus of width direction of 580 kg/mm^2 or below.
5. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, which has a thickness of 15.2 to $20.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

6. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the upper layer has a thickness of 0.1 to 2.0 μm .

7. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the lower layer has a thickness of 1.0 to 3.0 μm .

8. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the support has a thickness of 12 to 16 μm .

9. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein the upper layer has a center-line average surface roughness of 5.0 nm or below.

Claim 10 (Canceled)

11. (Original) The leader tape according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the upper layer, the lower layer, and the backing layer contains an electrically conductive powder.

12. (Currently amended) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:
a cartridge case;
a reel provided in the cartridge case so that the reel is capable of rotating;
a magnetic tape wound on the reel; and
a leader tape comprising: a support; an upper layer comprising a powder, a binder, and a lubricant; and a lower layer comprising a powder, a binder, and a lubricant which is at least 1.12 times as much as the lubricant of the upper layer; wherein the support, the lower layer, and the upper layer ~~is~~ are in this order;
wherein one end of the magnetic tape is capable of being drawn from the cartridge, and the one end of the magnetic tape is connected to the leader tape, the support is provided with a backing

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layer on the other side of the lower and the upper layers, and the upper layer and the backing layer each has a surface electrical resistance of 10^{10} Ω /sq or below.